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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I am writing in support of the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP). This practice is not only cruel to the animals, but also causes salmonella poisening in the eggs. As I'm sure you know, forced molting has been banned in Great Britain, and most European countries do not allow food deprivation for more than 24 hours.

Layer hens suffer enough torment and cruelty in the egg production process. Please help to at least end this needless practice.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Temin

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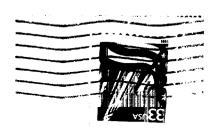
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